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were assumed by the Department of Children's Work. In the past two or three years, our Vacation Schools have increased very materially in number and in standard of work.

The Director of Children's Work has done more in the past four years in editorial and creative work than in any previous quadrennium. A great many worship programs have been prepared and distributed by this department. Evaluation measuring instruments for evaluating informational material, worship programs and missionary projects have been created and distributed. Characteristic charts for the three age groups in the Children's Division have been prepared and distributed to students in training. An outline of a year's curriculum for Juniors prepared under Prof. Artman was used by a number of our workers in the field. It is an activity minded program of fifty-two lessons in Christian living.

Hymn Lists for Beginners, Primaries and Juniors have been compiled and distributed in large numbers. Observation sheets for reporting observations of Missionary projects were prepared and distributed, as were also copies of a two-page article on "Worthy Elements Which May Be Found in Service Projects."

A course of ten lessons based upon the projects of the Woman's Home Missionary Society was prepared by this department and 1,000 copies distributed by the W. H. M. S.

Also a course of ten Centenary Lessons was prepared by this department and published in the three church papers. These lessons were in the nature of a project and set forth the program of all the Boards of the church. So far as I know, these two courses are the first attempt to set forth the denominational program through lesson courses.

The test of any program is the measure in which it becomes effective in local church situations. More and more churches are improving their equipment for better work; each year finds more of the modern methods of education applied in local church religious education programs; each year finds our Sunday School better organized. More and more workers are shifting their emphasis from materials to pupils; from creeds and doctrine to actual Christian living; from ideas to activity. But the vast army of those who work with children are untrained, yet they are teaching or attempting to teach the most precious of all treasures to human minds which are reaching out to grasp whatever is given them. We need better buildings and better lesson courses; but more than these, better teachers and leaders.

While at the beginning of the quadrennium, most of the teaching done in Training Schools was done by the head of this department, last year more than a dozen instructors were used in the Children's Division Courses in the various Training Schools. This to all of us is most encouraging.

The future holds possibilities even beyond our vision which may be realized if the church is willing to pay the price. If in the first four years of the new Century this department is not given a great deal more material resources than it was in the last four years of the old, then the future is dull and drab; but on the other hand, if material resources are placed at the disposal of this department, in adequate proportions, then is not only the future of this department assured, but the future of the whole church program.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. HENRY W. MAIER.

linquent, some are indifferent, having little appreciation seemingly of their responsibility, and some leave our church without making the promised provision for their obligation. It is a pleasure to know, however, that the majority of our men are making a conscientious effort to liquidate their obligation. Were it not for these it would be impossible to finance our present beneficiaries.

By means of personal contacts, occasional letters and bulletins we have endeavored to keep our men informed and to arouse any possible lack of interest or sense of responsibility. It would seem wise, however, to institute more generous arrangements relative to these loans. If our permanent fund were larger it could easily be done.

One of the most important responsibilities of the Board is the care of our funds. As the table reveals there has been some increase in our permanent fund but not enough to boast about or to add to our income in a way that means increased usefulness. However, progress is being made in the right direction and that is some satisfaction. We should have immediately \$75,000; \$100,000 would enable us to treat our ministerial students more generously and tie them to the church more closely. In the investment of our funds we are greatly indebted to Mr. H. M. Johnson, a member of this Board, and the men in the bond departments of the Mellon National Bank and the Union Trust Company of Pittsburgh for helpful suggestions and advice.

It was discovered that we have a number of men preparing themselves for the Christian ministry in schools other than our own. We have gathered these names and endeavored to keep in touch with them. We have had some replies to our communications. By this method we have hoped to express the interest of our people and to make these young men feel they were not overlooked or forgotten.

It is a conviction of your Secretary that this General Conference should take definite steps to more adequately finance this department of our work and to completely revise the method of making loans and the condition of the repayment thereof. To this end we are submitting certain recommendations.

The fact value of the ministerial loans now outstanding and which we have reason to believe may be considered good is \$44,206.72. There are other notes in the office with a face value of over \$20,000 from which it is probable nothing will ever be realized since most of the men giving these notes have left our church. During the quadrennium the Board has seen fit to cancel \$4,639 of the amounts due the Board. These cancellations were made where the circumstances fully justified it. Several of the cases were men coming under the ministerial relief plan of Dr. Lewis and was an effort to co-operate with him in this work. Four years ago the General Conference authorized the Board to give to our college men borrowing money while in the Seminary scholarship notes which should be returned, one for each year, spent in the active ministry of our church. These scholarship notes were returned in the amount of \$2,279.98.

1924—Ministerial Education Fund—1928

	1924-25	1925-26	1926-27	1927-28
Beneficiaries	35	39	34	42
Beneficiaries making				
Ret. Pay	31	42	51	45
Paying loans in full.....	3	7	8	8
Invested Fund	\$51,551.10	\$51,960.16	\$52,701.46	\$53,365.17
Annual Increase				
Invest. Fd.	1,005.79	409.06	741.29	2,819.86
Income Invested Fund	3,441.94	3,234.93	3,464.43	3,242.60
Return Payments.....	1,748.50	2,411.50	3,055.50	2,819.17
Refunds		100.00	100.00	125.00

REPORT TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

Baltimore, Md., May 16, 1928.

The Board of Education takes pleasure in submitting to the General Conference of 1928 the following review of its activities during the past quadrennium. Four years ago Rev. George H. Miller, D.D., had been re-elected Executive Secretary of the Board by a gratifying vote. A few months later he felt compelled to resign and the present incumbent was elected July 24, 1924, to fill his unexpired term.

The tasks committed to this Board are varied and of the utmost importance. The main elements will be treated under separate heads for the sake of clearness and to make the material more readily available. Much of our work does not appear on the surface. Some of it is more or less incidental while some is fairly well understood by the majority of our people. The selection of material for the Rally Day service, promoting the day, finding promising young men for the ministry, teaching in some of the Young People's Summer Conferences, investing and safe-guarding Board funds, stimulating a larger appreciation on the part of our people of the need of trained leaders, helping our schools to maintain high educational standards, corresponding with former and present beneficiaries and prospective students, making frequent contact in person and by letter with our ministerial students, visiting churches, conferences and conventions, as well as preparing and publishing material for our denominational papers, etc. etc., are all features of the work that engage time, energy and concern of the Board of Education, and particularly of the Executive Secretary.

Ministerial Education

This is the original and primary task of the Board of Education. Until the Zanesville Conference of 1916 it was our only task. At that time the General Conference established the Board of Education, comprehending in its duties not only those of the former Board of Ministerial Education but adding thereto the supervision of our colleges and seminary and the promotion of the entire Christian Education program of the denomination.

The cause of ministerial education still occupies the central place in the activities of the Board of Education. During this quadrennium we have endeavored to fulfill our responsibilities in this matter in every particular. The number of men preparing to become ministers in the Methodist Protestant Church has remained about the same. The third year there was a decided slump, but an equally pronounced recovery the last year. In the table on Page there will be found a complete statistical review of the essential facts relative to this work.

In order to promote this feature of our work your Secretary has employed every means at his disposal. Addresses before Conferences, Young People's gatherings, local congregations and ministerial and student groups; articles in the denominational papers; personal conferences; through the Rally Day material and by correspondence, these have been the main methods employed. Some results have been secured but it is largely seed sowing, the harvest coming early and late but assuredly coming.

As in former years one of our most difficult tasks is securing return payments from former beneficiaries. Some are habitually de-

M. E. Beneficiaries Helped This Quadrennium (Continued)

K. H. Wareheim (W. Md.)	425.00	W. B. Wood (H. P.)	200.00
Harold Wheelock (Adrian)	200.00	E. C. Woodward (Sem. W. Md.)	275.00
J. J. Van Hagel (Sem.)	125.00	G. E. Wunder (Sem.) ..	600.00
		Total	\$26,313.50

Active Ministerial Accounts

	Borrowed	Paid	Still Due
‡Walter L. Angelo (Sem.).....	\$ 100.00	.....	\$ 100.00
*Franklin B. Bailey (Sem.).....	725.00	\$ 175.00	550.00
‡A. T. Baughman (Adrian).....	100.00	25.00	75.00
‡Otto G. Brewer (Sem.).....	300.00	.....	300.00
*Lester Adams (W. Md.).....	400.00	30.00	370.00
†L. A. Bangerter (Sem.).....	300.00	50.00	250.00
†B. I. Barnes (Sem.).....	200.00	.....	200.00
†P. E. Bingham (H. Pt.).....	200.00	.....	200.00
†Parks L. Black (West. Col.)....	400.00	.....	400.00
†L. A. Bodie (West. Col.).....	100.00	.....	100.00
†H. P. Bowen (Sem.).....	1,025.00	75.00	950.00
*F. N. Bowers (Sem.).....	700.00	.....	700.00
†J. W. Braxton (H. Pt.).....	200.00	.....	200.00
*Cecil Bright (Sem.).....	600.00	300.00	300.00
fD. D. Broome (H. Pt.).....	200.00	.....	200.00
‡Stephen Brown (Adrian).....	400.00	.....	400.00
*John E. Burgess (Adrian).....	300.00	45.00	255.00
*H. C. Burkins (W. Md.).....	600.00	100.00	500.00
‡W. W. Burlington (Adrian).....	225.00	.....	225.00
†C. A. Calhoun (West. Col.).....	200.00	.....	200.00
†James E. Carroll (H. Pt.).....	200.00	.....	200.00
‡M. P. Chambliss (Sem.).....	500.00	.....	500.00
*A. E. Clower.....	450.00	50.00	400.00
*E. E. Coleman (W. Md.-Sem.)....	700.00	275.00	425.00
*W. E. Cottrell.....	600.00	400.00	200.00
†T. L. Crenshaw (West. Col.)....	200.00	.....	200.00
*A. L. Crayton (Adrian).....	425.00	100.00	325.00
*M. I. Crutchfield (Sem.).....	200.00	100.00	100.00
*George L. Curry.....	300.00	210.00	90.00
‡L. B. Davis (W. Md.).....	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00
*C. L. Dawson (Sem.).....	800.00	50.00	750.00
†I. M. Dinkle (Sem.).....	970.00	50.00	920.00
*C. H. Dobson (Sem.).....	100.00	.....	100.00
*W. A. Donaway (Sem.).....	400.00	150.00	250.00
*W. M. Douglas (Sem.).....	600.00	350.00	250.00
*J. G. Eaton (Sem.).....	850.00	440.00	410.00
*Floyd Eckert (Adrian).....	600.00	100.00	500.00
*T. W. Eddins (Sem.).....	350.00	30.00	320.00
*R. L. W. Elmore (West.).....	350.00	15.00	335.00
*A. W. Ewell (Sem.).....	250.00	175.00	75.00
†J. E. Ferguson (West.).....	200.00	.....	200.00
*E. L. Ferris (Adrian).....	650.00	375.00	275.00
*Dale Fletcher (Adrian).....	300.00	223.00	77.00
*Stephen Galley (Sem.).....	550.00	50.00	500.00
*T. M. Gladden (Adrian).....	100.00	35.00	65.00
*L. W. Gordon (Sem.).....	324.00	75.00	249.00
†T. E. Grove (W. Md.).....	100.00	.....	100.00
*H. G. Hager (Sem.).....	500.00	50.00	450.00
‡C. S. Hanby (K. C. U.).....	290.00	99.00	191.00
†Lemuel Haney (Adrian).....	200.00	.....	200.00

From General Conf.

Budget	1,500.00	.....	.....
Gifts	275.00	295.05	250.00
Total Income	5,465.44	6,048.93	6,869.93
Loans to Beneficiaries	6,175.00	6,925.00	6,263.50
Annuities Paid	150.00	150.00	168.00
			162.00

M. E. Beneficiaries Helped This Quadrennium

Lester Adams (W. Md.)	\$400.00	H. E. Hudgins (W. Md.-Sem.)	550.00
L. A. Bangerter (Sem.)	300.00	Hollie Irwin (West Col.)	450.00
B. I. Barnes (Sem.)	200.00	Wm. Hurley (W. Md.)	350.00
P. E. Bingham (H. P.)	200.00	Clyde Kay (West. Col.)	150.00
Parks Black (West. Col.)	400.00	James Kay (W. Md.)	125.00
O. T. Betton (Sem.)	350.00	Kenneth Kline (Adrian)	400.00
L. A. Bodie (West. Col.)	125.00	W. R. Kuhn (Sem.)	612.50
H. P. Bowen (Sem.)	625.00	J. N. Lambert (West. Col.)	125.00
F. N. Bowers (Sem.)	700.00	Walter Linaburger (Ad.)	400.00
J. W. Braxton (H. P.)	200.00	A. G. Lynch (Sem.)	200.00
Cecil Bright (Sem.)	200.00	A. H. Lynch (Sem.)	350.00
D. D. Broome (H. P.)	200.00	W. O. Lynch (Sem.)	200.00
Stephen Brown (Adrian)	400.00	W. K. Lyons (W. Md.)	200.00
H. C. Burkins (W. Md.)	400.00	H. M. McAdow (Sem.)	400.00
C. A. Calhoun (West. Col.)	200.00	K. L. McCray (Sem.)	525.00
J. E. Carroll (H. P.)	200.00	Dwight McDonel (Adrian)	125.00
M. P. Chambliss (Sem.)	300.00	W. C. Mathis (West. Col.)	200.00
A. E. Clower (West. Col.)	100.00	H. J. Mitchell (Sem.)	400.00
E. E. Coleman (Sem.)	400.00	W. S. Mowery (W. Md.)	200.00
T. L. Crenshaw (West. Col.)	200.00	H. N. Nicklas (W. Md.)	401.00
M. I. Crutchfield (Sem.)	200.00	John Pace (West. Col.)	750.00
L. B. Davis (W. Md.-Sem.)	600.00	M. D. Park (West. Col.)	400.00
I. M. Dinkle (W. Md.-Sem.)	700.00	T. H. Penton (H. P.)	150.00
W. A. Donaway (Sem.)	200.00	George Ports (W. Md.)	350.00
W. M. Douglass (Sem.)	200.00	Charles H. Reed (W. Md.-Sem.)	200.00
J. G. Eaton (Sem.)	350.00	Ralph M. Reed (W. Md.)	100.00
F. H. Eckert (Adrian)	400.00	R. R. Richards (Sem.)	600.00
J. E. Ferguson (West. Col.)	200.00	W. A. Roberts (W. Md.)	600.00
Stephen Galley (Sem.)	550.00	C. B. Robey (Sem.)	200.00
T. E. Grove (W. Md.)	100.00	W. H. Schatz (Sem.)	100.00
H. G. Hager (Sem.)	500.00	Russell Sapp (Sem.)	100.00
Lemuel Haney (Adrian)	200.00	F. L. Shaffer (Sem.)	400.00
J. M. Hastings (West. Col.)	100.00	E. W. Slayton (Sem.)	600.00
Dwight Hearne (H. P.)	200.00	D. K. Sturgis (Sem.)	500.00
Vadis Hoover (West. Col.)	250.00	C. A. Sutton (West. Col.)	150.00
B. P. Howell (West. Col.)	700.00	J. H. Trollinger (Sem.)	200.00
		Leroy VanNess (Adrian)	200.00
		L. M. Wade (Adrian)	600.00
		W. E. Wade (Sem.)	400.00

Active Ministerial Accounts (Continued)

*J. W. Quaid (West. Col.).....	550.00	30.00	520.00
*Charles H. Reed (W. Md.).....	1,050.00	200.00	850.00
†Ralph M. Reed (W. Md.).....	100.00	.....	100.00
†R. R. Richards (Sem.).....	600.00	.....	600.00
*Paul Riegel (Sem.).....	350.00	160.00	190.00
†W. A. Roberts (W. Md.).....	600.00	.....	600.00
*E. F. Root (Sem.).....	450.00	75.00	375.00
†D. W. Ryan (Adrian).....	375.00	125.00	250.00
*W. H. Schatz (Sem.).....	400.00	200.00	200.00
†F. L. Shaffer (Sem.).....	400.00	.....	400.00
†Lawrence Shivers (West. Col.).....	550.00	5.00	545.00
*F. L. Shows (West. Col.).....	150.00	65.00	85.00
*A. W. Simms, Jr.	200.00	20.00	180.00
†E. W. Slayton (Sem.).....	600.00	.....	600.00
*C. M. Smith (Adrian).....	375.00	30.00	345.00
*J. R. Stanton (Sem.).....	375.00	185.00	290.00
†Alexander Steele.....	307.92	167.92	140.00
*D. K. Sturgis (Sem.).....	500.00	.....	500.00
†C. A. Sutton (West. Col.).....	150.00	.....	150.00
*R. J. Tamblyn (Adrian).....	725.00	50.00	675.00
*E. E. Tarr.....	360.00	200.00	160.00
*J. A. Trader (W. Md.).....	950.00	25.00	925.00
*R. S. Troxler.....	499.00	200.00	299.00
†J. H. Trollinger (Sem.).....	200.00	.....	200.00
*R. Underwood (West. Col.).....	500.00	30.00	470.00
†Leroy Van Ness (Adrian).....	200.00	.....	200.00
*O. E. Vice (Sem.).....	450.00	170.00	280.00
†L. M. Wade (Adrian).....	650.00	.....	650.00
†W. E. Wade (Sem.).....	500.00	.....	500.00
*J. L. Ward (W. Md.).....	490.00	340.00	150.00
†K. H. Wareheim (W. Md.).....	425.00	.....	425.00
†Harold Wheelock (Adrian).....	200.00	.....	200.00
*R. W. White (Sem.).....	150.00	100.00	50.00
†W. B. Wood (H. Point).....	200.00	200.00
†E. C. Woodward (W. Md.).....	275.00	275.00
†G. E. Wunder (Sem.).....	700.00	700.00
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	\$58,534.12	\$9,895.40	\$48,898.72

Gold Star Roll

These paid their obligation in full during quadrennium.

Gold Star List—Ministerial Students

1924-25—J. E. Tripp, Arthur Steinfeldt, D. T. Surrat.

1925-26—Paul P. Holden, M. E. Dearholt, R. C. Powell, C. S. Ritchie, E. A. Bingham, Colvin Randall.

1926-27—J. F. Minnis, Robert H. Bartlett, Clayton Oliver, Russell Sapp, J. P. Adams, T. C. Mulligan, L. E. Bee, Hirl Kester, T. Leroy Hooper.

1927-28—R. E. Brooks, H. F. Fogleman, Wm. Hurley, Russell Murphy, Leroy Pickens, J. J. Van Hagel, A. Van Schoik, J. S. Eddins, C. B. Robey, E. W. Terry.

*Honor Roll. Made satisfactory payments during quadrennium.

†Student. Now in school.

‡Failed to make any or satisfactory payments during quadrennium.

Active Ministerial Accounts (Continued)

	Borrowed	Paid	Still Due
‡W. A. Harpold (Sem.).....	600.00	.....	600.00
*C. H. Havens (K. C. U.).....	962.50	80.00	882.50
*E. O. Hearn (West. Col.).....	300.00	75.00	325.00
†Dwight Hearn (H. Pt.).....	200.00	.....	200.00
‡W. A. Hewitt (Adrian).....	450.00	50.00	400.00
*G. J. Hooker (Sem.).....	280.00	150.00	130.00
‡Vadis Hoover (West. Col.).....	250.00	50.00	200.00
†B. Paul Howell (West. Col.).....	700.00	.....	700.00
*H. E. Hudgins (Sem.).....	725.00	100.00	625.00
*Ray W. Huff (Adrian).....	125.00	25.00	100.00
*W. H. Husing (Sem.).....	660.00	90.00	570.00
†Hollie Irwin (West. Col.).....	450.00	50.00	400.00
*J. J. Jackson (Sem.).....	400.00	260.00	140.00
‡C. J. Johns (Adrian).....	200.00	55.00	145.00
‡M. O. Jones.....	200.00	.....	200.00
‡Clyde Kay (West. Col.).....	150.00	.....	150.00
†James Kay (W. Md.).....	125.00	.....	125.00
‡H. W. Kelley (West. Col.).....	950.00	75.00	875.00
†C. M. Kelser (Sem.).....	200.00	.....	200.00
*E. T. Kirkley (Sem.).....	300.00	35.00	265.00
*Kenneth Kline (Adrian).....	400.00	150.00	250.00
†W. R. Kuhn (Sem.).....	612.50	12.50	600.00
‡Marion W. Lake (Adrian).....	75.00	10.00	65.00
†J. N. Lambert (West. Col.).....	125.00	.....	125.00
*J. J. Land (West. Col.).....	300.00	35.00	265.00
*J. L. Land (West. Col.).....	400.00	15.00	485.00
*Clarence Leckemby	520.00	355.00	165.00
†Walter Linaberger (Adrian).....	400.00	.....	400.00
†C. B. Linard (Adrian).....	200.00	.....	200.00
*G. H. Little (Adrian).....	750.00	200.00	550.00
*I. A. Love (West. Col.).....	150.00	50.00	100.00
†A. G. Lynch (Sem.).....	200.00	.....	200.00
†A. H. Lynch (Sem.).....	350.00	.....	350.00
†W. O. Lynch (Sem.).....	200.00	.....	200.00
†W. K. Lyons (W. Md.).....	200.00	.....	200.00
†H. M. McAdow (Sem.).....	400.00	.....	400.00
†K. L. McCray (Sem.).....	525.00	.....	525.00
†Dwight McDonel (Adrian).....	125.00	.....	125.00
‡W. J. McGarity.....	675.00	100.00	575.00
*J. L. Marker	150.00	125.00	25.00
*J. K. Marthens	430.10	175.00	255.10
*J. C. Maske (Sem.).....	600.00	100.00	500.00
†W. C. Mathis (West. Col.).....	200.00	.....	200.00
*M. Guy Miniard (Mrs.).....	600.00	130.00	470.00
†H. J. Mitchell (Sem.).....	400.00	.....	400.00
†Walter Mollan (Adrian).....	405.00	255.00	150.00
*Leslie Morris	100.00	50.00	50.00
†H. E. Mossburg (Adrian)	300.00	.....	300.00
*W. S. Mowery (Sem.).....	200.00	100.00	100.00
†H. N. Nicklas (W. Md.).....	476.00	.....	476.00
†John Pace (West. Col.).....	750.00	.....	750.00
*M. D. Park (West. Col.).....	1,000.00	50.00	950.00
*S. B. Parker (West. Col.).....	800.00	62.00	738.00
†T. H. Penton (H. Pt.).....	150.00	.....	150.00
‡F. W. Perkins	132.10	110.00	22.10
‡W. W. Peterson (West. Col.)....	150.00	.....	150.00
*W. E. Pettet	375.00	170.98	204.02
‡Claybourne Phillips (Sem.).....	400.00	245.00	155.00
†George Ports (W. Md.).....	350.00	.....	350.00

Adrian's actual endowment at the present time is \$59,652.23, furnishing an income of \$3,355.00. Regular contributors are increasing the college income an average of close to \$3,500. Since the Standardizing Agencies require a stable income outside of student charges of at least \$25,000, Adrian lacks \$18,000 of meeting this requirement. One of the standardizing rules permits an appropriation of \$12,500 from a church Board toward the stipulated \$25,000. Since Adrian has not yet been given her accrediting as a Standard Grade A college her first and greatest need is to obtain the stated income. Due to this consideration as well as the fact that the Adrian area, in spite of lower property values has been the largest supporter of the denominational budget, the Board of Education has felt constrained to make the largest appropriations to Adrian College. Adrian needs \$12,500 each year for the next four or five years. With the returns from the campaign during that time her stable income should approximate the requirement of the North Central Association.

For a number of years the Board of Education has been the custodian of the Adrian endowment. The Board of Trustees has repeatedly voted their confidence and appreciation, but in keeping with the policy of some other institutions it was deemed advisable to impound the endowment with some recognized and soundly established Trust Company. Investigations are being made with this end in view.

This should be said, in spite of the fact that Adrian has not been recognized as a Standard Grade A College, her work is being accepted at Ann Arbor, Chicago, Leland-Stanford, Ohio and Harvard Universities and consequently many other schools.

The following communication from President Feeman should have your special consideration: "Attention is called to Recommendation One in President's Report for Adrian College recorded on page 192 of General Conference Minutes of 1924. This recommendation is hereby renewed for further consideration on the ground that this is a problem peculiar to this section of the church.

"It is the pleasure of the president of Adrian College to report that Recommendations Three, Four and Five, which were adopted by the General Conference, have been complied with as follows: A settled policy has been adopted, making Adrian a four year, small, liberal arts college, purposing to serve the denomination and the local community; the charter has been changed to provide for a Board of sixteen members, twelve to be elected by the General Conference, and four by the alumni; two meetings are to be held each year, with one in Pittsburgh during the school year, and one at Adrian in June; the Commission, elected by the General Conference, was organized, with L. B. Hull as chairman, and C. S. Ritchie as Secretary, and spent two years in careful study and investigation in five sessions, the complete record of which will be reported to this body by its present chairman, Judge Harry Shaw, whom the Commission elected to succeed Principal Hull, removed by death.

"Recommendation Six, together with the specific instruction of the Commission, has been carried out, a campaign being put on in the church within the last two years for endowment, reaching a present figure of \$417,000 subscribed; and within the past six months in the local community, a second campaign for a building fund and library foundation, reaching at this writing \$75,000 and \$15,000 respectively.

"Attendance for the quadrennium has risen from two hundred fifteen to two hundred eighty-five.

"The Trustees within the past year have adopted plans looking forward to a twenty-five year development, which involve a complete reorganization of the college plant and the full utilization of the

Our Institutions

We began this quadrennium with three senior colleges and a half interest in a fourth, one junior college and one theological seminary. We close the quadrennium with three senior colleges, one junior and one theological seminary. It is worth noting, however, that the number of students in these five schools far exceeds the number at the close of the last quadrennium. There is an increase of student enrollment of over 75 per cent. There is a substantial increase also in the number of Methodist Protestant students attending our schools. This is not only an evidence of an increasing interest in higher education on the part of our young people, but also an evidence that the work being offered by our schools is of the right character and quality.

ADRIAN COLLEGE The last session of the General Conference elected an Adrian College Commission which was instructed to make a careful study of the Adrian College problem and in conjunction with the Board of Education and the Board of Trustees was given power to determine its permanent policy—whether re-location, abandonment, or a more aggressive program at Adrian. The following were elected as members of that commission: L. B. Hull, C. J. Morton, J. C. Kinneer, C. S. Ritchie, O. R. Stilson, Perry E. Grimm, Harry Shaw, B. J. Fultz and C. J. McConnell. Mr. L. B. Hull was duly elected chairman and Mr. C. S. Ritchie, secretary. For nearly two years this commission gave to its task most earnest consideration. The problem was approached from every possible angle, special investigations were made, frequent meetings held and every step taken to enable the commission to reach an intelligent and an unbiased conclusion. It was finally decided that it was inadvisable to attempt to re-locate the college, that Adrian should be maintained as a senior college, and that an effort be made to raise, over a period of years, at least \$1,000,000 for endowment and new buildings, \$500,000 of which should be provided by the supporting conferences.

Acting upon these recommendations the Board of Trustees authorized the selection of a campaign committee whose task it should be to raise at least \$500,000 in the Adrian denominational territory. This campaign committee was composed of individuals representing the contiguous conferences. In due time it met and chose an Executive Committee in whose hands was placed the immediate conduct of the campaign. President H. L. Feeman was made director and in the fall of 1926 the campaign was officially launched. Approximately \$450,000 was pledged by our people and it is anticipated the full amount will ultimately be secured. Later a campaign was carried on in Adrian and Lenawee County resulting in approximately \$90,000 in cash and pledges. These funds are to be used for new buildings, repairs and improvements to the campus.

The steady progress at Adrian under the leadership of President Feeman has resulted in phenomenal achievements. In 1917-18 the enrollment was 101 while in 1927-28 it was 285. From an uncertain enterprise and one having a qualified standing in the educational world, Adrian now is on a solid foundation. As soon as the funds, secured in the recent campaigns, are available the Methodist Protestant Church will have in this school, one not only with an honorable history but with equipment and standards adequate for a modern educational enterprise. The next few years must necessarily be critical ones. The full benefit of the endowment campaign will not be realized for some time. If Adrian is to reap the best results from these efforts the church must continue to give her the largest possible support through the denominational budget, otherwise the unhappy reactions of former years will likely take place again.

WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE The progress at Western Maryland College during the last ten years has almost rivaled that of High Point. President Ward has had a great vision and has succeeded in inspiring others with the same vision. There has been splendid progress in the enrollment, improvement in equipment, and an addition to the endowment that means greater stability and increased service. With an endowment now of approximately \$600,000, and an enrollment of over 500, new buildings, an ideal athletic field, improved equipment and plans for additional buildings, Western Maryland has reached the highest point of prosperity and usefulness in her history. Appropriations from the General Board of Education and the Maryland State Legislature will permit the erection of additional buildings which in turn will increase the effectiveness of Western Maryland as an educational enterprise.

Although he has received generous co-operation from many Western Maryland friends it is to Dr. Ward that credit should be given for the notable achievement of this quadrennium. By consulting the table at the close of this discussion some idea of the progress during the last four years can be gained.

In spite of the material progress the fact that as many Methodist Protestant students in proportion to the enrollment and as large a number of ministerial students have not been attending Western Maryland College has given us some concern. This decrease is probably due to the establishment of High Point College in as much as many students from that area who would normally go to Western Maryland now attend High Point. The substantial increase in the numbers in each of these groups this year is evidently a turn for the better.

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE This is our only Junior College. Established in 1895 in Collin County, Texas, and removed in 1902 to

Tehuacana it has always had a struggle for existence. During the first two years of this quadrennium this struggle became acute. Repeated failure of crops created a spirit of pessimism and so greatly reduced the resources of the institution that the Board of Regents felt it was no longer worth the sacrifices necessary to maintain it. A careful survey of the situation revealed, however, that all their resources were not exhausted, that there was no reason to believe that poor crops would be the rule, and that a conservative program might save the situation. Dean J. G. Willis was asked to manage the school for one more year. He accepted this trust and performed his task in such a manner as to help materially in restoring the hope and confidence of our people. The following spring Rev. G. O. McMillan, president of the Ft. Smith-Oklahoma Conference, was invited to become president. After giving the matter serious consideration he accepted the responsibility. This year at Westminster College has been in every sense of the term one of the most successful in its history. The student enrollment increased 75 per cent and the spirit and interest of our people is by far the best it has been for many years.

Westminster College's outstanding need is a greatly increased income. She has practically no endowment and the young people to whom she ministers in most cases have little means with which to secure a college training. The charges Westminster makes to her students are necessarily low and do not begin to produce revenue sufficient to maintain the school. The appropriations from the Board of Education have steadily increased but are not half what they should be. Westminster College ought to receive from our Board each year at last \$7,500. It would be better if this could be raised to \$10,000.

That this little Junior College is rendering worth while service to the cause of Christ and the Methodist Protestant Church a survey

twenty acre rectangle upon which the college stands, which, if completed, will make Adrian a small college of outstanding significance.

"Just at present the college needs every aid possible to carry it through this period of change and reconstruction to a sure foundation. An adequate and certain income from the General Church Budget is vital to this enterprise during this next quadrennium in view of requirements by Standardizing Agencies."

HIGH POINT COLLEGE Our baby school and already standing second in the matter of enrollment! The story of the development and progress of this institution borders on the romantic. For many years the Methodist Protestant people of North Carolina had dreamed of a college of their own. Plans were made and tentative steps taken but nothing tangible resulted until about seven years ago. Then the work was undertaken in earnest with the results now quite familiar to the members of this Conference.

The credit for the present achievement is due not only to unusual leadership but to almost unbelievable sacrifices on the part of hundreds of our people in that area. The dreams which had engaged their fancies for many years had finally begun to take shape. A campaign to secure funds was undertaken and sufficient support received to justify still further steps. A site near High Point on the National Highway leading to Greensboro was chosen, buildings planned and erected so that by September, 1924, the college was ready to begin operations. The progress since then has been little short of miraculous. The enrollment the first year totaled 132, this year it is 344. A general survey of the material situation will be found in the table at the close of this part of our discussion.

High Point College is bound to succeed. It has been wisely located, well managed and is commanding the support of every Methodist Protestant within that area. Its needs are great. With an indebtedness of \$345,000 of which \$310,000 is due to the building operations and \$35,000 to current operations, its primary need is evident. Some loyal laymen have pledged themselves to liquidate this obligation and approximately one-fourth has been provided for. It is planned when the debts are paid to undertake a campaign for \$1,000,000 for endowment. The Board of Education, together with the North Carolina Conference and the North Carolina Conference Board of Education has underwritten the stipulated income of \$25,000 so that High Point has secured and is maintaining her position as a Standard Grade A College. We have been increasing our appropriations each year until they are now about what is actually required. We have attempted to underwrite \$5,000 of the \$25,000. We should appropriate at least this amount annually until High Point has her requisite endowment.

High Point College has the unique distinction of enrolling the largest proportion of Methodist Protestant students of any of our colleges. This is due not only to the loyalty of our people and the wise location of the school, but also to the character of its management and the quality of the work being done. Each year has shown not only an increase in the attendance of the Methodist Protestant young people but also an increase in the number of young men preparing for the ministry of our church. That High Point College has a great future and is destined to render an unusual service to the church and the Kingdom there can be no question. All the resources that the denomination can possibly spare should be employed to re-enforce the efforts of our people to build an up-to-date institution of learning. In the years to come such an investment will bring forth a manifold harvest.

The tabulation on Page 16 gives in a condensed form the essential facts about High Point College.

but at least two more men are needed if the burdens now being carried are lightened and greater teaching efficiency secured.

Since Western Maryland has secured a substantial endowment and is acknowledgedly in the strongest position of all our schools, would it not be well to reduce, or even to discontinue for the time being, appropriations to her from our budget and increase those to the Seminary? The seminary naturally ministers more largely to the immediate territory than to any other section of the church and this arrangement would only be returning to that area the funds actually received. At the present more goes into the area than is being taken out.

The tabulation on page 16 gives the essential facts regarding the Seminary.

KANSAS CITY UNIVERSITY One of the most painful tasks confronting the Board this quadrennium was the necessity of liquidating our interests in the Kansas City University. It is useless to repeat to you the history of this educational effort. From its inception the struggle to maintain the University has been almost more than human strength could endure. The denomination seems never to have been convinced of the need of an educational unit in that section of the church. At least our people did not respond with sufficient finances to make the school secure. Near the close of his active work Chancellor D. S. Stephens was instrumental in effecting a merger with Campbell College of Holden, Kansas. This was a United Brethren school and for a dozen or fifteen years Kansas City University had been conducted jointly by these two churches. This union promised a better day but that day was never realized. In fact the merger was not a success.

One of the first problems confronting your Secretary upon his election was our relationship to this enterprise. Strong sentiment was discovered in the Board and throughout the denomination to the effect that it was inadvisable to attempt any longer to carry on our part of this responsibility. After thorough investigation it was recommended that an attempt be made to dissolve the merger and liquidate our assets. In due time negotiations were instituted and a contract of sale made with the United Brethren leaders. The equities coming to our Board approximate \$60,000. Other properties being somewhat involved have been given no valuation. They possess potentialities, however, that in time should prove valuable.

It will be some time before this matter is entirely settled or the returns from the properties mean much to our church. According to the action taken by the General Conference of 1920 as found on page 52, section 8, and page 67, section 8, it is the purpose of your Board to consider this as the initial step in establishing the Central Endowment Fund then authorized, the income from which shall be used to promote the entire educational program of the denomination. Because of certain obligations in the form of annuities and debts assumed by the Board it will be several years before any benefit will accrue from this fund.

You will doubtless be interested in the essential features of the contract made with the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. They, of course, come into possession of the campus, college buildings, athletic field, equipment, names and the full educational right. They assumed the mortgage of \$50,000 and all other obligations which belonged essentially to the University. In return the Methodist Protestant Church receives in cash over a period of seven years \$36,700 with interest at six per cent which began in 1927, also two mortgages on certain farms for \$6,300. Title is given our Board to the equity in Mt. Hope Cemetery, 22 lots surrounding the University, the residuum asset Riverside Park, as well as title to the Riverside Cemetery, which at present is only partially developed. We assumed the

of her past and present ministries give ample proof. Two score or more of our ministers in that area have received a part or all of their training here. Today we have more Methodist Protestant students enrolled than ever and 12 splendid young men are receiving their training for the ministry of our church.

At the beginning of this quadrennium the Board of Education was the custodian of a small part of the endowment of Westminster College. The Board of Regents claimed the right to call for this money when needed and when the situation at the college became so serious the funds were surrendered. As a result of this transaction the Board of Education voted not to receive such funds except in perpetuity.

It is the conviction of your Secretary that this enterprise should be considered very largely as a missionary undertaking. In this section of our country the economic condition is frequently acute due to the uncertainty of the returns from the product of the soil. The Methodist Protestant Church must do more for Westminster College if she expects her to render a satisfactory service or even to maintain herself in that territory. The table on Page 16 gives a comprehensive view of the essential facts relative to Westminster College.

WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY This is the only institution in the Methodist Protestant Church for the professional training of our ministers. Beginning as an annual conference enterprise it was later adopted by the entire church and is endeavoring to meet the needs of the men who would render an adequate service in this modern world as ministers of Jesus Christ.

For over thirty years Rev. H. L. Elderdice, D.D., has been the head of Westminster Theological Seminary. Few if any educational administrators have rendered as great a service to the ministerial leadership of the denomination. This service has been rendered so cheerfully and with such consecration as to be a real inspiration.

Because of its ministry to a special group the growth of the seminary has not been as pronounced as that of our colleges. Furthermore, in recent years the standards for admission have been steadily raised which has forced the elimination of the individuals lacking certain educational equipment. Comparison, however, with other quadrennial reports indicates a trend in the right direction. Eight years ago there was an increase of 21 per cent for the quadrennium, four years ago that increase was well maintained, while today we are able to report an increase of 25 per cent over eight years ago.

As it stands now the Seminary is the product of the untiring labors of Dr. Elderdice. This in no way detracts from the honor due the faithful men, who, as members of the faculty, have given to the institution its educational quality and character. They too have rendered sacrificial service and their names deserve to be enrolled among the very first in the records of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Westminster Theological Seminary must have a greatly increased income either in the form of added appropriations from the Board of Education or a much larger endowment. Competition in the theological seminary world is very keen. Many seminaries are making generous propositions to Methodist Protestant young men, offering, in fact, to pay practically all their Seminary expenses. This we cannot do at the present time. Our school is as good as the best but it is impossible to make such offers to our young men. Furthermore, the present faculty is carrying too great a teaching load. Through the influence of our Board an addition was made last year

one reason exists for the struggle which has been the record of our educational activities and that is the lack of continuously adequate financial support. In order to save the life of our schools as well as to meet the demands of the standardizing agencies extensive and intensive campaigns have been necessary. Even then our schools are not in a position to remove much of the uncertainty that surrounds them. The time has come when campaigns will no longer satisfy the situation. If an adequate support were given, the colleges of the Methodist Protestant Church could continue their marvelous record on an ever higher scale. If the returns from the budget were little more than 50 per cent of what has been asked it would practically solve the problem of financing our educational program.

The one thing which justifies the existence of the church school is not alone the fact that the great majority of our Christian leaders come from it but the fact that it is possible there, and there only, to receive a real education. For the Christian college alone is privileged to include in its educational activities those elements which make for Christian education. A college is Christian, not because the Bible is taught as a part of the curriculum, not because there is a religious education department or because certain Christian activities are encouraged on the campus. A school is Christian when its atmosphere is Christian. I am glad to report that in almost every case we can say that the atmosphere of the colleges of the Methodist Protestant Church is distinctly Christian. It is true there are differences in degrees, but in the main the young folks attending our schools carry forward their educational activities in an atmosphere and an environment unquestionably Christian.

Some elements do enter into all of our colleges which tend to dilute this Christian atmosphere. Without entering into any discussion we might list the following elements as more or less detrimental: First, the presence of a large number of non-religious students, many of whom come usually from the local community. Second, extravagant athletic programs. Third, a military department. Fourth, the tendency to yield to the pressure coming from the state institutions. In addition there is much in modern thinking and practices which militate against the deeper spiritual thinking and sentiment of our young people. Whether or not it is possible for this conference to take any action relative to these things I am not prepared to say, but have felt that your attention should be directed to them.

Appropriations

The method of distributing our resources to the colleges and seminary has been changed this quadrennium with a view to conforming more nearly to the requirements of our constitution. An effort has been made to discover the actual needs of our schools and make the appropriations accordingly. We have considered such things as the question of accrediting, the amount needed by way of an established income to secure that accrediting, its annual budget, its endowment, what contributions the area is making to the General Conference Budget, the indebtedness of the school and how incurred, the matter of its general equipment, the competition it is facing with other schools and the service it is rendering the Methodist Protestant Church.

We are continually faced, however, with the fact that the needs of our schools are not only greater than our resources but they are constantly increasing. Educational standards and costs are higher and it is no longer possible to appeal to our young people to attend our schools out of loyalty alone. They know whether or not the schools are furnishing a real educational program and they are determined to go where they can get the best. In all fairness to our young people we must treat our schools more generously. It is no

payment of two annuities involving an annual expenditure of nearly \$1,200, scholarships due the Kansas Methodist Protestant Conference valued at \$500, together with interest at four per cent for nine years, a note for \$750 due the Allegheny Trust Company and unpaid taxes amounting to approximately \$300. Some headway has been made in liquidating these obligations.

It is due our good friends of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ to state that in all our dealings there has been practically no friction. A spirit of fairness, good will and co-operation has been always in evidence. Even though it has been distressing to engage in this kind of an activity there is some consolation in the fact that the limited resources of our Board will no longer be drained by an impossible cause and that what equities have been salvaged may ultimately be used for the development of the work intrusted to this Board.

Our assets and liabilities as of April 30th will be found on Page 27.

COLORED SCHOOL At the beginning of the quadrennium there was an obligation on lots purchased in San Antonio, Texas, of \$1,150. Through generous gifts on the part of the colored people in Texas, and additional appropriations from the Board of Education, it has been possible to liquidate this indebtedness. The property is now clear and \$400 has been accumulated, the first step toward the endowment of this enterprise. The Board of Education and the Board of Home Missions were instructed to study this question, but nothing has been done. Your Secretary visited San Antonio and made some investigations. The lots seem to be suitably located and are probably worth more than when purchased. Whether or not the white people of the city will welcome such an institution in their midst remains to be seen. It will be necessary to discover their attitude before undertaking anything definite.

In fact it is time for the General Conference to instruct the Board of Education as to its will and plans in this matter. After some investigation and a fair knowledge of such undertakings it is probable that at least \$150,000 will be needed if we wish to launch a school for colored people in Texas. That amount would provide a frame building with suitable recitation and dormitory rooms. It would provide an income of \$6,000 or \$7,000 to help maintain the school. However, the kind of school remains to be determined. Who will be selected to superintend the work, where the teachers are to be secured and a multitude of other problems must be faced and solved. That a school of the character proposed can render a valuable service, that it is really needed and certainly longed for by our colored people, there is no question. Rev. James Ross suggests the appointment of an agent to solicit funds from his people that further steps may be taken toward realizing their hopes.

The Function of the Christian College

The increasing attention which our states are giving to education compels the church to weigh again the matter of the church college. Secondary and higher education under the auspices of the state have developed so rapidly, according to Dr. F. W. Padelford, that the representatives of the church colleges have begun to ask what their future is to be, if indeed the future holds anything for them. Has the church college a distinct mission? Is it rendering a service to the state or the church of such a character as to justify the sacrifices necessary to its maintenance? Either through lack of appreciation of the service of the Christian college or through an honest conviction that its existence is not justifiable the church has failed to give to our colleges an adequate financial support. Only

Student Loan Fund

The General Conference of 1920 endorsed the proposition to establish a Student Loan Fund as outlined by Secretary Miller in his recommendations. In 1924 further action was taken thereby repeating its sanction of this enterprise. However, no provision was made for financing the effort and the task of finding funds has fallen upon the Secretary. Each year more young people apply to our Board for assistance. We have endeavored to exercise the utmost care in the selection of these beneficiaries, not infrequently refusing to grant an application. In 90 per cent of the cases we are more than pleased with the scholarship, Christian character, general conduct and sense of honor displayed by these beneficiaries of the Board. In some cases we have been disappointed, but they are so few compared with those of the other type that we have little reason to complain.

The fact of the matter is this feature of the work of our Board seems to be filling a long felt need and to be rendering a service eminently worth while. Since the fund was established in 1919 we have assisted 62 young people. This year we limited our obligations to 20. The number helped during the quadrennium was 46 to whom we loaned \$9,290.00. Applications for next year are already being received and we anticipate the necessity of either enlarging our service or refusing to assume the responsibility.

The main sources of income have been the Adrian College "600 Club," gifts from interested individuals solicited by the Secretary, and return payments. The "600 Club" is about exhausted, while the great number of urgent demands upon our people the last year have made it increasingly difficult to secure contributions. The return payments have steadily increased but are still inadequate to meet our growing requirements. Either we must make retrenchment and refuse to assist some of our choicest young people or the General Conference must make provision for the support of this work. It is the conviction of your Secretary that at least \$2,000 a year should be included in the budget for the support of the Student Loan Fund.

The following table gives the essential facts relative to this feature of the work of the Board.

1924—Student Loan Fund—1928

	1924-25	1925-26	1926-27	1927-28
Beneficiaries	17	21	28	20
No. making return payments	7	7	20	15
No. paying in full.....	2	1	7	2
Students helped to end of yr. ....		....	....	62
Permanent Fund	\$1,500.00	\$3,606.38	\$4,882.31	\$7,090.64
Increase in Perm. Fund....	500.00	2,106.38	1,775.93	2,208.33
Return Payments.....	470.00	512.00	1,403.92	771.89
Interest on Loans	20.15	38.50	163.06	179.99
Income of Perm. Fund.....		34.49	153.65	263.72
Contributions—				
"600 Club"	457.00	114.00	.....	.....
Miscellaneous	1,089.08	533.98	1,067.75	709.85
Interest on Deposits	223.62	394.20	202.60	42.20
Total Income	2,259.08	1,627.17	2,990.98	1,967.62
Loans	2,250.00	2,175.00	3,160.00	2,055.00
Annuities Paid	80.00	159.11	266.87	411.00

Student Loan Beneficiaries

	Loan Total	Quadrennium Borrowed this	Paid Am't.	Due Still
†Ruth Albright (Ad.).....\$	250.00	\$ 250.00	.....	\$250.00
†Virginia Albright (Ad.)	100.00	100.00	.....	100.00
†Evangeline Allen (Ad.) ..	75.00	75.00	75.00
†Paul Allen (Ad.)	200.00	200.00	200.00
†Grace Barnette (H. P.)	250.00	250.00	250.00

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longer a question of existence. Our schools seem in most cases to be on a solid foundation, but a financial hand to mouth policy does not permit of the highest efficiency, development and progress.

1919—College Seminary Enrollment—1928

	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	
Adrian	138	155	148	160	164	
High Point						
Western Maryland	274	272	339	402	463	
Westminster Col.	115	115	110	91	137	
West. Theo. Sem.	32	43	43	31	26	
Total	559	585	640	684	790	
Percent of annual gain	.046	.094	.068	.155		10 year gain-%
	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	
Adrian	217	217	239	274	285	206%
High Point			132	208	231	*260%
Western Maryland	470	471	502	506	522	191%
Westminster Col.	140	203	155	108	180	155%
West. Theo. Sem.	48	55	46	43	41	128%
Total	875	1078	1150	1162	1372	
Percent of annual gain	.107	.234	.065	.01	.18	

An increase in ten years of 245 per cent.

We have withdrawn from Kansas City University therefore it is omitted.

Central Endowment

As stated in another paragraph the funds accruing from the liquidation of our interest in Kansas City University are being placed in a central endowment fund in keeping with previous actions of the General Conference. It is hoped that this small beginning may eventually result in the accumulation of a fund sufficient to greatly increase the usefulness of your Board. Such a fund will stabilize our resources and the support of our educational work. The returns from the church budget are unstable and inadequate. Such a fund will help to supplement these returns. A certain portion of our Budget income should, if possible, be added annually to this endowment.

Interesting Facts About Our Schools

	Adrian	High Point	West. Md.	West. Col.	Seminary
Admns. Officers	5	5	8	4	2
No. on Faculty	28	21	37	11	6
Enrollment—					
Men	126	165	203	44	39
Women	159	179	319	136	2
Total	285	344	522	180	41
Mech. Prof. Sta.	60	145	164	90	32
W. P. Ministerial	12	16	15	12	32
Salaries—					
Officers	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,280.00	\$ 19,290.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 4,450.00
Faculty	24,000.00	36,110.00	57,885.00	10,880.00	5,850.00
Endowment	60,000.00	100,000.00	578,000.00	5,000.00	1,000.00
Endowment Income	3,400.00		26,010.00	240.00	60.00
Tuition	24,000.00	29,000.00	48,000.00	9,500.00	3,450.00
Fees	5,750.00	7,000.00	8,700.00		
Room Rent	6,000.00	18,500.00	25,000.00	500.00	837.50
Din. Rm. & Laundry	3,200.00		2,500.00	100.00	
Special & Miscel.	3,500.00	5,000.00	9,000.00	2,000.00	2,500.00
Board of Edn. 1928	5,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	3,000.00	5,500.00
Annual Budget	72,000.00	85,000.00	185,000.00	26,000.00	18,000.00
Total Indebt	16,000.00	845,000.00		10,000.00	
Value of Land	20,000.00	100,000.00	75,000.00	1,800.00	20,000.00
Value of Bldgs.	250,000.00	427,000.00	878,770.00	80,000.00	160,000.00
Value of Equip.	70,000.00	82,000.00	89,060.00	25,000.00	20,000.00
Total Val. Plant.	\$40,000.00	559,000.00	1,037,880.00	108,800.00	200,000.00
Graduates—1928	27	45	70	21	11

*Gain as compared with first year.

Council of Church Boards of Education

We have continued to co-operate with the Church Boards of 18 other denominations through the Council of Church Boards of Education. Your Secretary has attended three of the four meetings held during the quadrennium. These contacts have been in every way most helpful. The educational problems of each church, however large or small, are very much alike. Most of the finest things now being attempted and carried forward in the Christian education world had their birth in the Council of Church Boards of Education. In spite of limited resources it is rendering a great service and your Board is an appreciative beneficiary. It is one form of interdenominational co-operation involving slight expense but bringing forth gratifying results.

Rally Day

For a number of years the Board of Education had been assigned the Christmas season for its special day. This was an entirely new field for such an undertaking and an expenditure of \$8,098.89 was necessary to publish the program and cultivate the interest and support of our people. The success attending this effort, however, is readily seen in the remarkable growth of the offerings received. In 1918 they totaled \$186 and in 1923 they came to \$13,068.67. The General Conference of 1924 saw fit to discontinue Educational Day. For a number of years the Board of Young People's Work had been given Rally Day as their special day. The cultivation of this field had also been costly but the offerings had gradually increased to \$9,433.54. Rally Day was then given to the Board of Education and the Board of Young People's Work instructed to co-operate in promoting the day. This latter has not seemed possible or convenient and the work has fallen entirely upon the Board of Education. This was but natural since that Board alone shared in the receipts.

We have found that no period of the year is more difficult in which to hold a special day. In the south and large parts of the west the harvesting of crops makes it impossible for our people to observe the day. The main support comes from the north and east. In spite of the change, however, and the difficulties that attend the efforts made to observe the day the results have been gratifying indeed. The offerings and expenses have been as follows:

1924—Rally Day Offerings—1928

	1924-25	1925-26	1926-27	1927-28	Total
Maryland	\$4,835.08	\$4,374.69	\$5,670.33	\$5,248.45	\$20,128.55
Ohio	3,733.15	3,282.92	4,111.51	3,275.73	14,403.81
Pittsburgh	2,061.85	1,304.24	2,441.33	1,482.62	7,290.04
Indiana	882.86	844.96	1,091.60	1,176.82	3,996.24
Eastern	852.83	887.97	886.04	1,059.85	3,686.69
West Virginia	364.55	576.47	1,461.32	830.53	3,232.87
Michigan	347.02	577.36	110.00	1,437.42	2,471.80
North Carolina	780.04	308.26	536.92	585.98	2,211.20
Onondaga	366.91	370.72	397.94	389.52	1,525.09
Kansas	305.46	305.68	417.05	336.42	1,364.61
Illinois	184.92	292.38	248.39	366.55	1,092.24
Iowa-Missouri	162.07	144.04	162.96	226.02	695.09
Alabama	113.66	149.25	130.00	68.00	460.91
Texas .....	.....	75.00	.....	64.50	139.50
Washington Mission	20.54	.....	65.00	50.00	135.54
Arkansas	2.25	77.63	37.75	.....	117.63
Missouri .....	.....	.....	50.67	13.50	64.17
Kentucky	24.18	17.50	.....	.....	41.68
Louisiana .....	.....	.....	10.70	28.08	88.78
Colorado-Texas	7.53	10.00	.....	6.57	24.10
Georgia	7.55	12.42	.....	.....	19.97
Tennessee	2.71	.....	1.00	.....	3.71
Miscellaneous .....	.....	6.00	.....	.....	6.00
Total	\$15,055.16	\$13,617.49	\$17,830.51	\$16,671.26	\$63,149.72
Rally Day Expense	\$1,468.15	\$1,542.30	\$1,341.84	\$1,595.41	\$5,947.70
Percent of Receipts0975	.1132	.0752	.0956	.094
Orders	445	501	456	515	1918

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Student Loan Beneficiaries (Continued)

	Total Loan	Borrowed this Quadrenium	Am't. Paid	Still Due
§Ruth Baylis (Ad.)	300.00	150.00	34.25	265.75
†Dale Baughman (Ad.)	225.00	225.00	.....	225.00
§Birdenia Bishop (Ad.)	600.00	300.00	105.00	495.00
§Elsie Bradshaw (Ad.)	450.00	.....	139.75	310.25
§Maude Brown (W. Md.)....	450.00	450.00	32.00	418.00
†Kathryn Bryan (W. Md.)..	100.00	100.00	.....	100.00
†Leon Bunce (W. Md.)	100.00	100.00	.....	100.00
†Lulu Burch (Ad.)	100.00	100.00	.....	100.00
†Burt Callihan (W. Md.)	100.00	100.00	.....	100.00
§Ollie B. Casaday (W. Md.)	150.00	.....	8.00	142.00
§Prudence Choat (W. Col.)	50.00	50.00	35.00	15.00
§Alfred Clark (Ad.)	100.00	100.00	.....	100.00
†Odis Clark (Ad.)	225.00	150.00	.....	225.00
†Elizabeth Clough (W. Md.)	250.00	250.00	.....	250.00
§Jessie L. Coons (Ad.)	600.00	.....	39.00	561.00
§T. H. Eaton (W. Md.)	600.00	450.00	33.89	566.11
*I. C. B. Franks (Ad.)	150.00	150.00	150.00	.....
†Belva Fisher (Ad.)	475.00	475.00	.....	475.00
†Mildred Gates (Ad.)	200.00	200.00	.....	200.00
§Ruth Gladden (Ad.)	260.00	260.00	.....	260.00
†W. D. Gladden (Ad.)	300.00	150.00	.....	300.00
†Veda Glenn (Ad.)	100.00	100.00	.....	100.00
§W. J. Harrer (Ad.)	75.00	75.00	40.00	35.00
§Esther McC. Harrer (Ad.)	600.00	.....	288.75	311.25
†J. A. Harp (W. Md.)	130.00	130.00	.....	130.00
*Ralph Harris	200.00	200.00	200.00	.....
§Blanche Harstine (Ad.)	550.00	400.00	15.00	535.00
†Harry Hart (Ad.)	200.00	200.00	50.00	150.00
†Marguerite Hawver (Ad.)	350.00	350.00	.....	350.00
*Robert Helmbold (Ad.)	225.00	150.00	225.00	.....
§Helen Allen Hull (Ad.)	400.00	300.00	25.00	375.00
§Josephine Johnson (Ad.) ..	150.00	.....	10.00	140.00
§Katherine Kinneer (Ad.) ..	300.00	300.00	49.00	251.00
†Grace M. Knisley (Ad.)	150.00	.....	.....	150.00
†Lucille May (Ad.)	100.00	100.00	.....	100.00
†Bernice Merrifield (Ad.)	50.00	50.00	.....	50.00
§H. E. Orwick	150.00	150.00	20.00	130.00
†Mildred Raum (W. Md.)....	100.00	100.00	.....	100.00
††Mary E. Shirer (Ad.)	50.00	50.00	.....	50.00
§Josephine Stocker (Ad.)	150.00	150.00	30.00	120.00
†D. H. Sipantzi (Ad.)	175.00	.....	25.00	150.00
†G. M. Snow (Ad.)	150.00	.....	75.00	75.00
§Margaret Sperry (Ad.)	225.00	.....	52.10	172.90
§Thelma Stell (Ad.).....	250.00	100.00	.....	250.00
*Helen Stone (W. Md.)	450.00	150.00	450.00	.....
*Margaret Stover (W. Md.)	150.00	.....	150.00	.....
§Pauline Stroup (Ad.)	450.00	450.00	.....	450.00
†Mary Warfield (W. Md.)	150.00	150.00	.....	150.00
*Margaret E. Whitney (Ad.)	300.00	300.00	300.00	.....
§Mary Whitney (Ad.)	150.00	150.00	13.00	137.00
†Wilson Willits (Ad.)	300.00	300.00	.....	300.00
†Corna V. Yow (H. P.).....	100.00	100.00	.....	100.00
	\$13,715.00	\$9,315.00		
*Cleo Talbott (Ad.)	300.00	.....	300.00	.....
*Mrs. Paul C. Hartup (Ad.)	390.00	.....	390.00	.....
*Samuel Tamblyn (Ad.)	150.00	.....	150.00	.....
*Eila Powell (Ad.)	150.00	.....	150.00	.....
	\$14,705.00	\$9,315.00		

*Gold Star Roll. §Honor Roll. †Student. ‡Delinquent.

"4. We therefore recommend that overtures be made to the General Conference by our respective boards, severally and collectively, to authorize a plan for the closer co-ordination and higher efficiency of the religious educational activities of the denomination.

"5. In harmony with the above recommendation, we recommend further that the following items be proposed for adoption by the General Conference:

(a) That the objective in religious education be defined. (As a suggestion, we propose the following definition of objective, as adopted by the International Council of Religious Education and various co-operating denominations: 'The aim of religious education is complete Christian living which includes belief in God as revealed in Jesus Christ and vital fellowship with Him, personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as Saviour and His way of life, and membership in a Christian Church; the Christian motive in making of all life choices, and whole-hearted participation in and constructive contribution to the progressive realization of a social order controlled by Christian principles.')

(b) That there be created an Educational Council whose duties shall be to correlate and integrate the denominational program of religious education with the understanding that such correlation and integration shall not interfere with the autonomy of any of the component boards.

(c) That this Educational Council be composed of nine members, three of whom shall be the executive secretaries of the Boards of Education and of Young People's Work and the editor of the Sunday School publications, and six others who shall be elected two each by the Board of Education, the Board of Publication, and the Board of Young People's Work, because of their special fitness for this task and irrespective of their membership on any of these Boards.

(d) That each Board elect its representatives on this council at its first meeting after the rise of the General Conference and that the Council, so elected, shall meet for organization within thirty days after election at the call of the editor of the Sunday School publications.

(e) That the expenses of this Educational Council, not to exceed the sum of \$500 per annum, be paid out of the contingent fund of the General Conference, and that any necessary additional expense, if any, be met proportionately by the several participating Boards.

"It was the general feeling of all who attended the meeting of the Joint Committee that the authorization of these plans by the General Conference would be a great advance step in our educational practice."

Board Income

The work carried on by the Board of Education is not comprehended entirely by the receipts from the General Conference Budget. Other matters have their claim upon our attention. In fact these are the things which take the largest amount of the time and energy of the Executive Secretary. The income from our invested funds does not go to the credit of any individual or congregation and consequently does not appear in the Budget. But the care of these funds is important. The return payments from student beneficiaries require constant attention and effort and these payments do not appear in the Budget. The same is true of several other funds handled by the Board and representing service rendered. In the following table will be found the money handled by the Board in the form of receipts from the specified funds. The total annual expenses of the Board are also given and the per cent of these to our receipts.

Conferences are arranged according to their quadrennial totals.

This indicates in some measure the attitude of our people and their interest in the work of the Board of Education is trying to do. However, it will be many years before the day will be as generally observed as Easter or Children's Day and before the returns equal those received by the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions. As you will note from the report of the receipts from the Undesignated Budget Rally Day is the main source of our income. Were it not for this opportunity our efforts to support the great educational activities of the church would have been impossible.

Budget Council

The last General Conference added to the duties of the Secretary that of the newly organized Budget Council. It was intended that these general officers together with the President of the General Conference should co-operate in the Budget Council as a promotional unit. Conscientious efforts were made to fulfill your desires, but the ever pressing duties of our primary responsibilities militated seriously against the success of this plan. My impression is that the Budget Council has not been very successful. It has taken time, especially of your Secretary who was made Secretary of the Council, and increased our expenses, but it is doubtful if the returns have been commensurate with the energy and resources expended.

Members of the Board

At the time of Dr. Miller's resignation Mr. W. S. Walker, Steubenville, also resigned. A personal interview by your present Secretary failed to secure a reconsideration so the resignation was accepted and Mr. Ralph White of Cincinnati elected in his place. Mr. White has proven a valuable member of our Board. In fact all the members of the Board of Education have given more than the usual consideration to the affairs committed to them by the General Conference. They have been a source of encouragement and strength and it has been a real pleasure to labor with them in the great cause of Christian Education. The friendships thus formed will always be remembered and greatly prized.

Correlation

On March 6th your Secretary met with committees appointed by the Board of Publication and the Board of Young People's Work to consider the possibility of a closer co-operation, and if possible, a correlation of our religious education activities. The meeting proved most helpful. An excellent spirit prevailed and some steps taken which should result in a more effective service in this tremendously important field. The steps taken are embodied in the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted: "We, the Committee on Findings, of the Joint Committee on Correlation of Educational Interests, appointed by the Boards of Publication and of Young People's Work, make the following report:

"1. We express our satisfaction in the spirit of unanimity evidenced in all the papers read and the discussions made.

"2. We have been encouraged by the presence and helpful participation of Rev. Frank W. Stephenson, D.D., executive secretary of the Board of Education, who had been invited by the above named groups to attend this meeting by virtue of the relationship of his board to the denominational program of religious education.

"3. We recognize that while there has been a degree of sympathetic co-operation among our several agencies engaged in the field of religious education, we believe that a closer correlation is not only possible but desirable and necessary.

Monthly Receipts From Undesignated Budget

	1924-25	1925-26	1926-27	1927-28
May	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00	.....	.....
June	2.00	.....	.....	.....
July	\$ 5,869.72	3,778.25	2,399.29	\$ 2,071.83
August	8,945.18	2,249.96	1,157.36	.....
September	2,108.11	1,562.44	.....	991.89
October	1,896.01	592.23	1,734.58	244.19
November	827.81	564.34	1,724.37	1,002.68
December	235.46	604.40	.....	4.75
January	324.23	116.49	.....	242.00
February	728.48	915.36	673.49	248.27
March	628.72	532.21	370.00	595.00
April	3,494.62	4,453.22	5.508.57	4,216.31
Total	\$25,058.34	\$15,390.90	\$13,617.66	\$9,616.32

The Pittsburgh Office

When elected to this office in 1924 my home was in Muncie, Indiana, but I did not move to Pittsburgh until a year later. It seemed best to study the situation and see whether or not it might be better to move the office to some other city. So far as the financial benefit is concerned it would be cheaper for the Secretary to live in a smaller community away from the higher charges in a place like Pittsburgh. But from the standpoint of greater usefulness to the church it is better to live in Pittsburgh. It is easy of access, other denominational officials have their headquarters there, it is a financial center of no mean importance, affords opportunity for good financial advice in the handling of our funds and besides I found that thousands of dollars of our funds were invested in mortgages on property in or near Pittsburgh. Since these loans were of the highest investment value there was no need to disturb them. Pittsburgh, except for the personal financial interest of the Executive Secretary, is a satisfactory place for the office of the Board of Education.

Board Expenses

We have endeavored in every way possible to reduce the cost of maintaining the Board of Education as such. Reductions in some items have been found possible, but any further retrenchment is certain to militate against our larger usefulness. In fact if we are to take advantage of the opportunities confronting us for promoting the great work committed to our charge additional expenditures are imperative. If some one could be employed during the summer months to visit the Young People's Summer Conferences and was equipped to present in a public way views of our institutions, our educational leaders, college and seminary activities, as well as other denominational enterprises it would do more to lift the appreciation of our young people and cultivate their interest and loyalty than most any other form of promotion or advertising. We should be in a position to publish more literature and to spend more time in visiting local churches as well as making frequent visits to the home of prospective students and ministerial candidates and to our institutions. There is a point in the form of retrenchment beyond which it is impossible to go. Promotion and progress cannot be reached by following that path.

Here is a compact statement of the expenses of the Board the last four years.

Needless to say this proportion of expenses to receipts would be greatly reduced if our income were greater. Much larger sums could be handled and our usefulness increased with very little additional expense. Regardless of this, however, the service the Board of Education is rendering can hardly be given a financial appraisement. Even though it had an income no greater than its expenses its inspirational and promotional work justifies its existence.

Income from All Sources

	1924-25	1925-26	1926-27	1927-28	Total
Gen. Conf. Budget					
Undesignated Funds..	\$25,058.34	\$15,390.90	\$13,617.66	\$ 9,616.32	\$ 63,683.22
Rally Day Offerings	15,055.16	13,617.47	17,830.51	16,671.26	63,174.40
Ministerial Education—					
Return Payments.....	1,748.50	2,411.50	3,055.50	4,229.00	11,444.50
Invested Fd. Inc.....	3,411.94	3,234.93	3,464.43	3,242.60	13,383.90
Miscellaneous	275.00	295.00	350.00	350.00	1,270.00
Student Loan Fund—					
Return Payments	470.00	512.00	1,403.92	771.89	3,157.81
Invested Fd. Inc.		72.99	316.71	263.72	653.35
Miscellaneous	1,769.70	1,042.18	1,270.35	932.04	5,014.27
Central Endowment.....			482.50	2,094.77	2,577.27
Colored School—					
Contributions	439.00	231.00	300.00	320.05	1,290.05
Invested Fd. Inc. ....	.85	3.00	7.47	18.00	29.32
Special—Sem. Teacher				512.00	512.00
Pittsburgh Cottage	100.00	.55	7.42	6.00	113.97
Total	\$48,358.49	\$36,811.57	\$42,106.47	\$39,027.65	\$166,304.18
Annual Bd. Expenses	\$6,805.37	\$6,641.11	\$5,647.71	\$6,827.77	\$25,921.96
Percent of ex. to income	.14	.18	.135	.174	.15

The annual increase in the invested funds, which increase is due to the management of the Board and rightly belongs in the total of receipts, has not been included. For the quadrennium they total \$8,919.69. With these the grand total of receipts is \$175,223.87, and the expenditures \$25,921.96, which is .148 per cent of the receipts. This does not include the funds received from the Kansas City University settlement of which \$58,508.00 have been transferred to the Central Endowment Fund.

Funds Help By the Board April 30, 1928

Adrian College Endowment	\$ 58,652.23
Central Endowment, Board of Education	
Permanent Fund	58,508.00
Ministerial Education Permanent Fund	53,365.17
Student Loan Permanent Fund	7,090.64
Colored School Permanent Fund	395.00
Pittsburgh Cottage Fund (Sem.).....	114.95
Total	\$178,125.99

Undesignated Budget

Few features of our work have been as discouraging as the returns from the undesignated part of the denominational budget. The first year we benefitted from the arrangement that prevailed during the preceding quadrennium. Since then there has been a steady decline as the figures below indicate.

What remedies are to be applied to correct this situation must be left to the General Conference. It is the conviction of your Secretary, however, that the General Conference Budget is not a larger success because of an educational weakness. There are other reasons such as heavy annual conference programs, repeated extensive campaigns and local congregational burdens. It is my experience, however, that when our people know and understand the things the Budget is supposed to promote they respond cheerfully and generously.

Office Work

The Executive Secretary does not spend all his time in the office nor does he attempt to do but very little of what is commonly known as "office work." This is taken care of by a young woman employed for that purpose. If your Secretary were to keep the accounts of four hundred student beneficiaries, do the bookkeeping incident to the handling of some \$175,000 in securities, answer the thousands of letters coming to him, do the secretarial work involved in promoting the interests represented in the Board of Education as well as in preparing and furthering the Rally Day program, not to mention the scores of minor matters demanding our attention he would have neither time nor strength for anything else. Our understanding of our responsibility is something more important. Last year over two hundred days were spent on the field, visiting our schools, conferences, schools of methods, local churches and other gatherings in the effort to promote the cause of Christian education. The fact is there is more to do than any one man can ever hope to accomplish.

Our Needs

After exhaustive study and investigation we are submitting herewith the funds actually needed this year for the promotion of the work of the Board of Education. It is our conviction that these needs should be reviewed annually and the Budget established at the beginning of each year of the quadrennium and that it should be made up of the minimum requirements of our Boards and institutions. In keeping with this idea as well as the requirements of the Discipline we make the following requests:

College Appropriations:

Adrian College	\$12,500.00
High Point	5,000.00
*Western Maryland	2,500.00
Western College	7,500.00
*Westminster Seminary	7,500.00
Colored School	1,500.00
	<hr/> \$36,500.00

Ministerial Education:

Invested Fund	\$ 3,500.00
Distributive Fund	1,500.00
	<hr/> \$ 5,000.00

Student Loan:

Invested Fund	\$ 2,500.00
Distributive Fund	1,500.00
	<hr/> \$ 4,000.00
Principal	\$ 350.00
Interest	125.00
	<hr/> \$ 475.00

Board Expenses:

Salaries	\$ 6,000.00
Rent	250.00
Traveling Expense	750.00
Supplies	250.00
Board Meetings	200.00
Council of Ch. Boards	200.00
Equipment	100.00
Auditing	150.00
Telephone and Telegram	75.00
Petty Cash	50.00
Surety Bonds	25.00
Literature	150.00
Miscellaneous	150.00
	<hr/> \$ 8,350.00

Central Endowment	\$ 3,175.00
	<hr/> \$57,500.00

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Expenses of the Board of Education

	1924-25	1925-26	1926-27	1927-28
Salaries	\$4,300.00	\$4,118.50	\$3,992.00	\$4,150.00
Traveling Expense	754.50	602.35	530.78	850.00
Quadrennial Reports	467.50	.....	.....	.....
Moving Expense	387.40	.....	.....	.....
Board Meeting Expense	441.65	131.37	84.10	217.28
Printing, Stamps, Supplies	225.97	235.55	190.23	354.00
Room Rent	240.00	220.00	240.00	240.00
Auditing	143.00	260.00	125.00	100.00
Council of Church Boards	75.00	175.00	200.00	200.00
Telephone & Telegraph	52.00	64.17	53.47	61.82
Petty Cash	50.00	40.00	40.00	30.00
Safe Deposit Box	20.00	20.00	20.00	10.00
Books, Papers, etc.	17.00	13.25	31.88	20.96
Legal Advice	208.17	.....	.....	.....
Office Furniture	96.60	31.00	122.06	.....
Advertising	50.00	30.00	15.75	.....
Surety Bonds	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75
Special Travel, Expense (Others)....	.....	.....	50.00	437.15
Board Seal .....	.....	.....	10.50	.....

Total \$6,805.37 \$6,641.11 \$5,647.71 \$6,827.77

The sharp increase in expenses this year was due to an item of \$437.15 spent in behalf of Westminster College, the purchase of a typewriter and the Boards share of an addressograph, and the necessity of making trips this year that were impossible last year because of illness in the Secretary's home.

Obligations

The following obligations stood against the Board four years ago. First, the \$1,150 for the Colored School property in Texas. This has been liquidated. Second, the Seminary interchurch underwriting obligation of \$1,500. All but \$600 of this has been paid. Third, a pledge of \$15,000 made in 1920 to the new Seminary building. Very little headway was made in discharging this obligation until last year. \$310 had been paid on the principal and \$4,111.92 in interest. When the proposal was made to give the Seminary \$10,000 out of the Centennial Gratitude Gift the Board suggested to Dr. Elderdice borrowing that amount and paying him at once provided he would cancel our pledge to the building fund. He graciously consented to this arrangement. A loan of \$10,500 was made at the Allegheny Trust Company in Pittsburgh, which still stands against the Board. As soon as the returns from the Gratitude Gift are received this obligation will be liquidated. Fourth, three years ago our Board pledged \$24,000 to the Western Maryland endowment campaign. It was agreed that this pledge was to be paid out of the annual appropriations to the college. Various factors have prevented our carrying out the original promise, chief of which was the continued decline of returns from the General Conference Budget. To date, however, we have paid \$7,250.00. An arrangement was made with Dr. Ward in March underwriting \$5,000 for his campaign which is to be paid as our resources permit and which liquidates the rest of the pledge. Therefore, we nominally owe \$5,000 to Western Maryland College. Fifth, as the result of the Kansas City University settlement we assume certain obligations, of which the following are still unpaid: Kansas Conference \$500, Allegheny Trust Company \$600, accrued interest to April 30th, \$165.00.

Our obligations then actually total only \$2,200 plus interest. These can be readily discharged within a year or so without embarrassing the work of our Board.

These things are not mentioned in any spirit of complaint or criticism but as plain statements of facts and situations requiring careful consideration. The Board of Education is anxious to render the Methodist Protestant Church an increasing service. If the General Conference will free us from some of our handicaps we can do so.

To this end we are submitting certain recommendations which have been approved by the entire Board. These recommendations do not appear in the printed report as that had to go to press before the Board could meet.

Securities

We are submitting herewith the list of securities and investments of the funds held by the Board of Education. It will be noticed that there is a preponderance of mortgages. This the Board has been attempting to correct by investing new funds in high grade securities of a different character, most of which have been bonds. This has resulted in a smaller income, but on the other hand has increased our capital. All our investments are made after consultation with the Executive Committee of the Board and representatives with the bond departments of some Pittsburgh banks. We have had good counsel and the Board continues its record of never having lost a cent intrusted to its keeping. Gifts made to the ministerial fund fifty or sixty years ago are still intact and rendering the service originally intended. The fact is practically all such gifts show a pleasing enhancement and more good is being done than the donor anticipated. One of the most important problems facing this General Conference is that of increasing these permanent funds. We are unable to give to our ministerial students or beneficiaries the generous consideration they deserve. Other denominations are offering to educate them with practically no expense. Many of them, however, stand by their church schools in spite of this and they are doing it at a great sacrifice. Unless we arrange to co-operate with our students more liberally we will continue to lose them.

Ministerial Education Fund

April 30, 1928.

BONDS

	Par		Cash
	Value	Cost	Yield
Adrian College Bonds.....	6% \$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 12.00
Brooklyn & Manhattan.....	6% 3,000.00	2,900.00	180.00
General Motors Accept.....	6% 4,900.00	4,900.00	294.00
Lone Star Gas.....	5% 600.00	592.75	30.00
Koppers Gas & Coke.....	5% 2,500.00	2,452.50	125.00
Marland Oil	5% 1,000.00	972.50	50.00
Skelly Oil Co.....	5 1/2 % 1,000.00	954.64	55.00
Continental Gas & Elec.....	5% 1,000.00	955.00	50.00
American Rolling Mills.....	5 1/2 % 300.00	298.87	15.00
Firestone Cotton Mills.....	5% 1,000.00	970.00	50.00
Solvay Corp.....	5% 2,000.00	970.00	100.00
Kingdom of Denmark.....	4 1/2 % 2,000.00	1,900.00	90.00
	\$19,500.00	\$19,086.26	\$ 1,051.00

MORTGAGES

Bethlehem Steel Pfd.....	200.00	217.87	14.00
Thomas W. Boyd.....	6% \$ 4,000.00	\$ 240.00	
Charles Louthan	6% 8,000.00	480.00	
Herman McLean.....	6% 2,300.00	138.00	
Ralph Orr.....	6% 8,000.00	480.00	
	\$22,300.00	\$ 1,338.00	

*Should it be found possible to persuade Western Maryland to surrender her claims upon the Board of Education for the time being the proposed appropriation could be distributed to the Seminary. This would give the Seminary \$10,000 and permit further expansion by way of another addition to the faculty.

Our Handicaps

At the risk of seeming to complain it may be well to record some of the forces which have seriously handicapped the Board of Education the last four years, reducing our income, restricting our activities, forcing hurtful retrenchment, infringing upon our independence and in some measure our corporate rights. Without discussing any of the matters which have made these handicaps the following have tended to that end:

1. Discontinuing Educational Day.
2. The necessity of creating interest in another special day, that is Rally Day.
3. Reducing our claim upon the General Conference Budget four per cent.
4. Giving the local church the right to credit all funds raised by the Missionary Societies on the General Conference Budget.
5. Depriving the Board of Young People's Work of Rally Day.
6. The Board of Young People's Work was given no specific part or per cent of the General Conference Budget.
7. By making the Executive Secretary a member of the Budget council.
8. By payment of the expenses of the special days out of the undesignated part of the Budget instead of the Boards incurring them.
9. The failure to pro rate the expenses of the Secretaries incurred in making their visits to the annual conferences.
10. The steady decline in the returns from the General Conference Budget as represented in the receipts from the undesignated part of the funds.
11. The objection raised against making special appeals for funds.
12. The fact that our Student Loan Fund has not been given a place in the Budget.
13. An inadequate invested fund for both the Ministerial and Student Loan Funds.
14. An inadequate denominational educational program in behalf of the General Conference program as comprehended in the General Conference Budget.

Obligations:

These factors have made it difficult not only to maintain our usual activities but have prevented normal growth and expansion. A special effort should be made to reach the young people attending our summer conferences. That is one of our most promising fields to reach and interest our own young people in our colleges. Out of these come many of the young men who plan to enter our ministry. If they are directed to our schools we have a chance to keep them. If they go to other schools we are likely to lose them. It has been possible to increase our ministerial invested fund but a few thousand dollars each quadrennium and the necessity of giving our ministerial students more generous help cannot be realized. Many of our non-ministerial students are in need of financial help and we have not been authorized to depend upon the Budget for this work. Extra help is imperative if we are to have more Methodist Protestant students in our schools.

RECAPITULATION

Bonds	\$ 5,068.63
Mortgages	38,000.00
Real Estate	16,708.00
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	\$59,776.63
Liabilities	1,200.00
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	\$58,576.63
Overdraft	69.68
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	\$58,506.95
Accrued Interest	1.05
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	\$58,508.00

CASH YIELDS

Bonds	\$ 285.00
Mortgages	2,290.00
Real Estate	612.25
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\$3,187.25

Contingent Liab.

Mary E. Gray \$593.74

M. L. Shields 600.00

1,193.74

Net income for

1928-29 \$1,993.\$1,993.51

It should be possible to liquidate all liabilities out of net income leaving a balance of approximately \$700.00 for other purposes.

Colored School Fund

BONDS

	Par		Cash
	Value	Cost	Yield
Brooklyn & Manhattan, 6%.....	\$200.00	\$295.00	18
American Rolling Mills, 5%.....	100.00	99.62	5
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Total.....	\$400.00	\$394.62	23

CASH YIELD

Bonds	23
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RECAPITULATION	
Bonds	394.62
Overdraft52
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Total	\$394.10
Accrued Interest90
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Grand Total	\$395.00

Student Loan Fund

BONDS

	Par		Cash
	Value	Cost	Yield
Brooklyn & Manhattan, 6%.....	\$300.00	0295.00	18
General Motors Acceptance, 6%.....	100.00	100.00	6
Koppers Gas & Coke, 5%.....	1,000.00	980.00	50
Lone Star Gas, 5%.....	100.00	99.00	5
American Rolling Mills, 5%.....	100.00	99.62	5
Shell Union, 5%.....	1,000.00	987.00	50
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Total	\$3,900.00	\$3,827.62	212

STOCKS

Bethlehem Steel Pfd., .7%.....	\$1,200.00	\$1,306.50	84
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NOTES

Student Loans	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	160
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RECAPITULATION

Bonds	\$3,827.62
Stocks	1,306.50
Notes	2,000.00
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	\$7,134.12
Overdraft	64.00
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	\$7,070.12

Accrued Interest	20.52
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Total \$7,090.64

CASH YIELD

Bonds	\$212.00
Stocks	84.00
Notes	160.00
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Total	\$456.00

TWENTY-FIFTH QUADRENNIAL SESSION

STOCKS

	Par Value	Cost	Cash Yield
Keystone Driller	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 112.00
Miners & Mechanics.....	1,000.00	2,250.00	180.00
Mountain Producers	500.00	480.00	52.00
New Bradford Oil Co.....	100.00	90.00	9.00
Pennsylvania Railroad	6,000.00	5,400.00	420.00
Salt Creek Producers	720.00	720.00	90.00
Pittsburgh Coal Pfd.....	300.00	217.31	.....
Bethlehem Steel Pfd.....	200.00	217.87	14.00
	\$10,420.00	\$10,975.18	\$ 877.00

RECAPITULATION

Bonds	\$19,086.26
Mortgages	22,300.00
Stocks	10,975.18
	\$42,361.44
Balance on hand	971.06
	\$43,332.50
Accrued Interest	32.67
	\$53,365.17

CASH YIELD

Bonds	\$1,051.00
Mortgages	1,338.00
Stocks	877.00
	\$3,266.00

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Annuities	
Manrow	\$150.00
Boyer	12.50
	\$ 162.00
	\$3,104.00

Central Endowment Fund

April 30, 1928.

BONDS

	Par Value	Cost	Cash Yield
Skelly Oil Co. ....5 1/2 %	\$1,000.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 55.00
Pure Oil Co. ....5 1/2 %	4,000.00	3,920.00	220.00
Lone Star Gas & Coke.... 5 %	100.00	99.00	5.00
American Rolling Mills 5 %	100.00	99.63	5.00
	\$5,200.00	\$5,068.63	\$285.00

MORTGAGES

Kansas City University Association.....6 %	\$31,700.00	\$1,902.00
Charles Pederson	5,300.00	318.00
Lovell	1,000.00	70.00
	\$38,000	\$2,290.00

REAL ESTATE

Mt. Hope Cemetery	\$12,000.00	\$612.25
Riverside Cemetery	no value	
Quindaro Park	no value	
21 2-5 lots	4,708.00	
	\$16,708.00	\$612.25

LIABILITIES

Allegheny Trust Company	\$ 600.00
Kansas Annual Conference—Scholarships	500.00
Kansas Annual Conference—Int. to 9-1-27.....	100.00
	\$1,200.00

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST
PROTESTANT HOME FOR AGED**

West Lafayette, Ohio

The report of this Board from May 1, 1924, to April 30, 1928, is as follows:

During the last quadrennium there have been two admissions to the Home. George Evans entered April 13, 1925, and Mrs. Rebecca Halisy on July 9, 1927. At present there are eight residents beside the Superintendent and his wife.

The following deaths have taken place during the last four years: Mrs. Mary Orand, March 12, 1925; Mrs. Jane Holtz, March 11, 1926; Mrs. Caroline Grier, April 11, 1928.

On October 12, 1926, the rules of admission were changed fixing the amount of board and room for those who did not become permanent residents of the Home at \$10.00 per week instead of \$5.00 per week.

On November 15, 1927, the Board authorized the installation of an adequate water supply, including the drilling of a well and the purchase of a motor driven pump. This has been completed.

On November 15, 1927, the President and Secretary of the Board were authorized to sign deeds conveying to Anna Laura Holdsworth lots No. 32, 35 and 44, and to L. B. Leister lot No. 45, all of which were in College Park Addition, as marked in the Recorder's Office, Coshocton County, Ohio.

On January 25, 1928, Mr. H. A. Sicker, treasurer of the Home, turned his duties over to Rev. B. F. Gilhousen, the Secretary. The Board has been unable to secure any report from Mr. Sicker, except the cancelled checks and the pass book from the West Lafayette National Bank. These have been audited by the State Department of Banks, under the direction of Mr. E. H. Blair, Supt. of Banks, State of Ohio.

The report of Rev. B. F. Gilhousen, acting treasurer, from January 25, 1928, to May 8, is as follows:

Balance in Treasury, Jan. 25, 1928.....	\$1548.60
Received from G. E. Hooper, Jan. 25, 1928.....	150.00
Received from G. E. Hooper, Mar. 2, 1928.....	150.00
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	\$1848.60

To supplies for Home.....	\$ 264.60
To coal	62.66
To installing new Water System.....	420.76
To M. S. Lane, salary.....	333.33
To kitchen help.....	19.15
To Ohio Power Co., lights.....	23.52
To Ohio Fuel Gas Co.....	6.00
To Ohio Bell Tel. Co.....	6.75
To oil and gasoline.....	6.36
To special paving assessment.....	88.73
To N. J. Rehard, burial of Caroline Grier.....	250.00
To water rent, Jan. 1, 1928, to May 8, 1928..	9.20
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	\$1491.06
	357.54

Pittsburgh Cottage

BOND

	Par		Cash
	Value	Cost	Yield
Brooklyn & Manhattan, 6%.....	\$100.00	\$97.00	
Balance		17.19	
Total		\$114.19	

Conclusion

The record for the last four years comes to a close. The figures compiled for this report indicate very clearly the remarkable progress which has been made in the educational phase of our denominational life. But the goal is still some distance ahead. Only one of the schools is on a solid financial foundation, but in spite of this every one is rendering the church and the Kingdom indispensable service. In their great task of furnishing trained Christian leaders for church and state they are second to none.

It is my impression there is a community of interest among our educational leaders greater than ever before known. Each other's burdens and problems are better understood and a sense of comradeship in a common task and purpose is more in evidence. But this community of interest and better understanding does not lighten the burdens our presidents have to bear. The most difficult task any man can be asked to assume is that of the president of a church college. The meagre support, the indifference of our people to the importance of Christian education, their disposition to criticize severely because of rumors, the failure of our people to send their children to their own church schools, aggravating and distracting internal problems, inability to pay even an average salary to the members of their faculties, prospective deficits and the ever increasing demands of standardizing agencies, these are a few of the things which harass our executives. And much of this would be unnecessary if our endowments were a few hundred thousand dollars more or the income of our schools, through appropriations from the denominational budget, could be increased \$25,000 annually.

Much is heard in recent years of the decline in the character and ability of the men entering the Christian ministry. Just where this conviction comes from I do not know, but I do know it is not true of the young men of the Methodist Protestant Church. We are not suffering because of a lack either in numbers or quality as compared with other years. The numbers are approximately the same and for the present year rather larger than usual while the quality is certainly better, comparing favorably with that of the young men entering the other professions.

This report is respectfully submitted with the hope that the members of the General Conference of 1928 will have a clearer understanding of the educational situation in our denomination, of the work the Board of Education has been doing in cooperating with our schools, in aiding a large number of our young people to go to school, in finding and encouraging ministerial candidates, in promoting the cause of Christian education and in conducting the affairs of the office in a way that meets your critical judgment. It is our hope that the recommendations herewith submitted will receive your hearty approval.

FRANK W. STEVENS, Executive Secretary.

"Neither Washington nor Lincoln had the advantage of a college education, but had it not been for colleges neither Washington nor Lincoln would ever have been heard of."

CALVIN COOLIDGE,
President of the United States.

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Amount in Savings Department of West Lafayette Bank....\$1848.60
Total receipts during the four years shown by the pass book of the
West Lafayette Bank—\$14,231.24.

In Mr. and Mrs. Lane we have an ideal Superintendent and
Matron. Their wisdom has saved us hundreds of dollars, and under
their direction we have an ideal home which does not have the at-
mosphere of an institution of charity.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Trustees,

J. W. HAWLEY, President
F. B. GILHOUSEN, Secretary.